

Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission
Minutes of Meeting – January 27, 2004

Present: Commissioners
Ron Welton, Executive Director
Sue Cone, Village of Calumet
Kathryn Eckert, At-Large, by phone
Robert Langseth, Houghton County Board of Commissioners, by phone
Larry Lankton, At-Large
Paul Lehto, Calumet Township
Tom Nemacheck, U.P. Travel and Recreation Association
Clyde Raasio, Quincy/Franklin Township

National Park Service – Keweenaw National Historical Park
Frank Fiala, Superintendent
Tom Baker, Management Assistant
Steve DeLong, Landscape Architect
Abby Sue Fisher, Chief of Museum, Archives & Historical Services
Kathleen Harter, Chief of Interpretation and Education
Brian Hoduski, Museum Curator
Charlie Masten, Facility Manager
John Rosemurgy, Historical Architect
Jo Urion, Historian

Guests
Jim Boyce, citizen
Susan Burack, Consultant
Jill Burkland, Isle Royale Natural History Association
Richard Dana, Main Street Calumet
David Koenig, citizen
Garrett Neese, the Daily Mining Gazette
Erik Nordberg, MTU Archives & Copper Country Historical Collections
Jeff Rautiola, Michigan Department of Transportation
Andy Sikkema, Michigan Department of Transportation
Denise Taylor, Houghton County Historical Society
Tom Tikkanen, Main Street Calumet
Amy Wisti, office of Rep. Bart Stupak
Ed Yarbrough, Quincy Mine Hoist Association

Absent: None

Recording Secretary: Jane Nordberg

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2004 at the KEWE Headquarters in Calumet. Chairman Paul Lehto called the meeting to order at 9:05 and asked guests present to introduce themselves.

Agenda

The agenda was approved without change.

Review of Minutes

Minutes of the October 28, 2003 meeting were reviewed and approved with the following corrections:

On page 4, in the description of the copper boulder, the actual weight is 58,885 pounds. The piece was unearthed in a pit by the airport.

On page 9, the visitation numbers at the Quincy Mine Hoist refer to numbers of people, not dollar amounts.

Report from the KHNPA Executive Director

The commission held a cooperating sites meeting on November 12 at the Laurium Manor Inn. Ron Welton thanked Dave and Julie Sprenger for hosting the meeting. Susan Burack will give details of the meeting later. It is the slow season for most of the sites. The Keweenaw Heritage Center has applied for a rural development loan to continue building improvements. Houghton County Historical Society is working with the Park and moving forward with interpretation of the milling at that site. HCHS held a volunteer seminar on January 17 and had 40 potential volunteers at that meeting. The appropriations bill containing \$1 million for relocation of the Seaman Mineral Museum recently passed the Senate. Ron asked Susan to give a recap of the cooperating site meeting and other projects she is working on.

Susan reported the site meeting was very positive. She has followed up with most of the attendees. She has received a planning grant for the community partners' artist in residence program and is developing an application for Calumet Heritage Days in August. A history day camp entitled "Time Travelers" is targeting middle-school students, in partnership with the Great Explorations program through CLK Public Schools. Susan has been working with the promotions committee of the Main Street program and is planning to have snow sculptures in Agassiz Park during the Great Bear Chase in March. She is working with the schools to get youth involved in the community and history and is researching funding opportunities for the cooperating sites.

Ron indicated a mailing to all the commissioners had gone out in December and asked for input. Bob Langseth said it was an asset to have that information in advance.

Ron directed the commissioners' attention to information on the table, a draft budget breakdown for 2004, and how staffing the interim visitor's center at Quincy and beginning acquisition of the copper boulder would fit into that. Ron apologized to Bob Langseth and Kathryn Eckert for not having that information, as they were off-site. He will send it to them in the mail.

Paul Lehto asked why the commission was funding the visitor's center and did not recall a decision to do that. Ron said that a decision was made during the work session in October to make the visitor's center a priority. Paul agreed that it was a priority, but his recollection was that the outcome was a decision that the visitor's center was Park service business and Frank Fiala would take charge of that. Frank said it was his recollection that the center was a priority to consider; the costs would be investigated and the topic would be revisited at the current meeting to make a determination. Ron said Frank had indicated it was an important direction to head towards, but that the Park did not have funding at this time to provide it, so the Commission would provide some funding until it could be incorporated into the Park's budget.

Paul asked what the costs would be in providing a place for this to happen. He was present at the QMHA Board meeting and there was some discussion as to where this would be located. Frank said there would be some necessary renovations. Steve DeLong, John Rosemurgy, and Kathleen Harter have worked with Ed Yarbrough to meet the accessibility requirements. The Park has submitted a challenge cost-share grant for this year up to \$20,000. There is no firm project cost. The Park and Quincy would take on the facility improvements that are required, and the Commission's role to provide costs for staffing issues.

Larry Lankton asked if the center would be located at the Quincy No. 2 hoist house. Frank said it would be in the atrium area of the gift shop. Sue Cone directed the Commission's attention to a meeting summary earlier provided by Michael Matts. She remembers discussing the importance of a visitor's center and the various locations for it, and considering the funding. Sue does not recall the Commission saying it would provide funding. Frank said the way it was presented was that there were concerns expressed that there was no distinct visitor experience. They first discussed the smelter and whether a temporary center should be located down by the marina. Further discussion led to the Quincy Mine site and a partnership with them. The Park did not have the resources in their operating budget to pay for interpreters needed to staff that facility. However, there was funding available for facility improvements. It was Frank's understanding at the close of that meeting that the Park and the Commission would look at the possibilities of providing a center for the 2004 visitor's season. Ron agreed with that summation.

Sue said that was not her understanding of that meeting. She agreed they talked about making it happen, but it was not understanding that the Commission agreed to fund the entire amount for staffing. Clyde Raasio asked how many interpreters would be funded by the money Ron had allocated. Ron said it would provide two GS4 positions. The proposed hours for the center would be approximately 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week. This would run for ten pay periods, or approximately from the middle of May to the beginning of October. Frank said there is some flexibility with that, and that it should mirror the busy season at Quincy. This would be two people at \$23,000.

Paul felt that if the Commission puts this much money into the visitor's center, it should also be increasing its budget to cover these items. The current budget is \$100,000. Frank said he was just bringing back the information that was discussed at the October planning session. Frank said no decision had been made and the Commission could choose not to help fund the project. Frank felt the Commission was very vocal in their planning session that they wanted to increase the

profile of the Park. Paul agreed but the budget has not been increased to accommodate those projects. Ron said it hasn't yet but may in the future.

Sue asked about the hourly rate for the interpretive staff. Frank said a GS4 makes about \$10 per hour. Sue said there was a number of options explored at the meeting, one of which was to find out whether the people at Quincy could do some of this work. Ron said the interpretive staff might be supplemented with volunteers dependent on their availability. The Park service staff would be the core staff. If we are to give visitors the impression they are in a National Park, we need to have uniformed employees on site. Frank said they would be providing a visitor experience for the Park, not providing interpretive service for the Quincy site, and in turn, Quincy would not be doing Park orientation other than what is already being done.

Larry said everyone seemed to have a different recollection of the meeting. He remembers having the most discussion of where the facility would be located. He asked what the space would look like and whether it would be necessary to have two people there all the time. Ed Yarbrough said there would only be one person there all the time, but that the hoist is open seven days a week, and in July and August they are open almost twelve hours a day, so two people would be necessary. Frank said it should really be three, and four would be ideal. That is where volunteers and interns would be helpful. Right now, it is a bare bones operation. Ron said it is not within the Commission's ability to supplement forever but right now, it could jump start a program that would be a tremendous addition for visitors as they come to the area.

Kathryn asked Ron to clarify the budget amount for the project. Ron said the Commission is being asked to fund \$21,500. Paul asked for a vote for a one-year allocation. Clyde said one avenue to obtain staffing which would not cost anything would be to go through the Michigan Works program. A solicitation for contract bids would be going out shortly. These would be high-school or college students. Ron said the Park service has a very active volunteer program as well and expects a lot of candidates once the program is advertised.

Tom Nemacheck said the Commission was wary of setting a precedent that would consume 22% of its budget. It will bankrupt other operations. The one-year commitment needs to be firmly adhered to. Bob asked Clyde to work with Ron and Frank on a committee to follow up on the Michigan Works option. Ron said he would get specifics from Clyde after the meeting. Clyde motioned to approve up to \$21,500 to initiate the personnel requirement for the visitor's center, contingent on the center being approved by the Quincy Mine Hoist Association. Ron said that had already approved locating the center there. Bob said it should be for one year only. Ron said that at this vote, yes. Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried with Sue dissenting.

Regarding the copper boulder, Ron said the Commission had asked him to pursue acquisition. The owners are willing to allow time for full funding dependent on a 10% deposit. Bob asked what the 10% deposit amount was. Ron said it would be \$20,000. Kathryn asked if there were prospects of other donations or contributions. Ron said there weren't any at this point. Ron has approached several potential contributors and will continue to do so if the Commission desires. Clyde inquired as to the rights of the claimants. Ron said they did have legal right to the boulder; before the specimen was put on the market, the legality of ownership was researched and certified. Paul asked what sources would be available to find the rest of the money. Larry asked

if the Mineral Museum might be interested. Ron said they were not. Paul asked what action the Commission needed to take to secure the boulder. Ron said he needed a motion approved to put a \$20,000 deposit on the boulder, followed by a two-year period to identify other funding sources for the remaining \$180,000. Paul asked if the boulder could be displayed during the two-year time period. Ron did not know.

Tom questioned the economic value of the specimen versus other components of the visitor experience. Ron said a certain percentage of visitors need a tangible, physical object to make the connections. It is a sample of why this area became such an important copper producer. Tom said perhaps a mock-up of the larger boulder alongside a smaller real specimen might work just as well.

Larry asked if the Mineral Museum was planning to acquire the Ontonagon Boulder. Although it is not as big in size, it is the most historically important. If the Museum has plans to acquire it, Larry would vote not to acquire the 58,000# boulder in question.

Kathleen Harter said she had conversations with Stan Dyl of the Museum and they will have temporary exhibit space for the Ontonagon Boulder. Abby Sue Fisher said she had concerns of where the piece would be displayed and plans for interpretation. Paul said it would be displayed outside between the Rowe Warehouse and the Coppertown Museum. Sue had concerns that this acquisition, along with the visitor's center funding, means the Commission is spending \$33,000 more than the annual revenues for 2004. They have been planning for years about funding other organizations and there would be no money to do that. The Commission needs to look at the revenues and plan how it will be spent for the next few years. Sue is uncomfortable funding projects without planning for them.

Tom assumed that if the Commission could not locate funding for the \$180,000 within the two years, then the \$20,000 would be forfeited. Ron said that was correct.

Denise Taylor reported the Historical Society had recently received a grant from the Federal Institute of the Museum and Library Services to interpret the mill site in Lake Linden. As the majority of what was mined in the area was not mass copper, and the Society is busy trying to interpret the story of milling, why would there be more money invested in a piece of mass copper rather than other more significant aspects of the regional history. As a cooperating site, they have an issue with a piece of mass copper being acquired for \$200,000 taking priority over other funding projects.

Larry replied that mass copper started the mine rush. Denise said there were large pieces of mass copper already on display. Larry said it was impossible to budget for an unforeseen discovery of mass copper. There is no contingency plan. If the Ontonagon Boulder is potentially available, Larry would pass on the 54,000# specimen currently being discussed, even though the Ontonagon Boulder is one-fifth of the size. Frank said the Ontonagon Boulder is of interest but it is currently owned by the Smithsonian. He agreed with Larry that the Ontonagon Boulder would be of a higher priority. Larry said there was a certain amount of appeal to visitors in having a huge specimen for interpretation.

Paul was concerned that there was not \$200,000 in the budget to spend someplace else. There would be a lot of hard work involved in getting the \$180,000 needed to fulfill the acquisition. Paul asked for the Park's official position on this issue. Frank said the Park was not interested in acquiring the newly-discovered boulder.

Larry said Ron should keep his eyes and ears open and keep talking to people. There may be somebody out there willing to put \$20,000 down. Larry does not see the boulder leaving the Keweenaw in the near future. Frank said because Michigan Tech has the copper boulder at the Quincy Mine Hoist Association, a central focus of their exhibit, the "wow" factor is being satisfied, and the Park has already invested in that. There is another copper boulder that is still sitting in place that the Park has the opportunity to buy for \$1 million, and they chose to pass on that acquisition.

Paul asked if a motion was in order to table the issue and have Ron explore private sources for funding. Bob said he would like to fund a \$1,000 deposit and have a two-year term to seek individual donors. He believes it is important to have a boulder of this size by the headquarters or Coppertown because it is a visible aid for visitors. Tom asked if the smaller deposit was a option extended by the owners. Ron said that option was not expressed but further negotiation was a possibility. The owner had asked for a 10% deposit.

Paul motioned that the issue be tabled and asked Ron to continue negotiations with the owners of the piece. Sue seconded. Motion passed.

Guest Report

Frank asked Andy Sikkema to report on the work MDOT is doing in the area. Andy indicated his office is responsible for public relations regarding state-owned highways and other state transportation initiatives including airports and the Portage Lake Lift Bridge.

In the last year, a brick project was completed on Pine Street financed through the MDOT federal enhancement grant program, part of the Federal Transportation Bill T-21. MDOT worked with the Village of Calumet on that project. This year, a large resurfacing project will begin at Agent Street on US41 up to Mohawk. There are short segments of reconstruction on that project on US41 with new curb and gutter. Some of the lane assignments will change but the width of the road won't change. MDOT has worked with Paul on that project. There will be work on M26 starting at US41 going up to Hecla Street that stops at the Village limits. That will be a reconstruction with new pavement, new curb and gutter, sidewalk on one side and a paved shoulder on the other side. The width of the road will stay the same. There is a pass relief lane project that involves the Quincy unit. The project limits go from south of White Street to Paavola Road, with the actual passing relief lane starting at White Street and going to just south of Campus Drive. The widening for the pass relief lane does come into the Park boundaries. Andy appreciated Frank contacting MDOT about that and they met on-site to discuss the impact of what was important in the area. There will be some expansion within the Park boundaries, but Andy feels the project is a good compromise that will allow for slow trucks but not make a significant impact on the Park. The rest of the project that goes past the hoist is a resurfacing of the road and work on the shoulders. It will not widen the road and won't change anything there.

Clyde asked if the widening of the road would take place before Campus Drive, below the number #2. Andy replied yes. Clyde said the last time the road was widened, there were safety issues concerning Frenchtown Road where it comes onto US41. Water flows from the upside and there is no catch basin. Water was running across the road right at the intersection of the highway. In the colder months, this left a sheet of ice. The county has since corrected that problem, but there is a similar problem where Ingot Street intersects US41. Clyde asked if Andy would be correcting that problem. Andy said he was not the designer of that project and he would take a look at water drainage in the current projects.

Clyde had concerns that White Street is not wide enough to accommodate traffic. Andy said there would be changes made to that intersection. The pass relief lane is important to construct because traffic is being trapped behind slow-moving recreational and commercial vehicles, and a lot of drivers are choosing to use White Street. The pass relief lane would give them the option of staying on US41. Clyde asked for more deer crossing signs. Andy said MDOT does not sign for deer unless there is something unusual happening at that location.

Larry asked if anyone had checked out historic maps of that stretch of road as it has been widened several times before without concern for preservation of significant architectural structures. Andy said all the work being done is within the excavation of the last road. They are not expanding beyond what has already been disturbed. There is minimal impact until Frenchtown Road, and Frenchtown Road proceeding down will be within the ditch. MDOT's archeologist and Park staff have been through the area and have approved the project. Frank acknowledged Andy's commitment to the Park and the variety of stakeholders involved in the projects MDOT is involved with. It takes effort to talk to people and ask for input. Frank thanked Andy and his office for making sure the concerns of the Park are met. Sue echoed Frank's statements and invited Andy to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the brick project in the Spring.

Bob asked about designation for scenic byways. Frank said Jim Boyce had championed that concept and planted the seed for the future. Andy said scenic and heritage route designations are a help and a hindrance; they encourage opportunities for future funding but do not stop development along those routes. That is an issue of zoning. Bob said the designation of a scenic route give visitors travel options.

Larry believes the best overview of the Quincy site is on the other side of the road across US41. It is a better view than on the southeastern side of the road. Andy said their mission is to provide transportation services and will compete for funding for those types of projects. They typically work with individuals who are asking for improvements to ask for letters of support. Andy introduced Jeff Rautiola, a permit agent working out of the Escanaba office.

There was a short recess from 10:32 to 10:40 a.m.

Report from the KEWE Superintendent

Frank reported that in November, he and Kathleen Harter attended the National Joint Stewardship Partnership Conference in Los Angeles. One of the most informative sessions Frank attended was regarding Executive Order 13287 "Preserve America." The provides guidance to federal agencies in historic preservation. The Commission was given information about this program. Frank has asked Susan Burack to keep track of the call dates for all Park activities but particularly with regard to the Main Street program.

In December, Frank and Ron attended a maritime heritage meeting in Marquette hosted by Dr. Bill Anderson from the History, Arts and Libraries department. They have a follow-up meeting Thursday in Marquette.

From mid-December to the middle of January, the Park has been engrossed in the service-wide comprehensive call. Frank thanked the staff for their work and effort. Frank provided the Commission with a list of projects the Park is competing for in a variety of other funding sources outside of the operating budget. KEWE submitted 41 projects with an excess of \$10 million cost. Frank also distributed a sheet detailing the OFS funding sources request for increases in the base budget; there is \$1.2 million in requests in three different categories.

Regarding budget issues, the Interior bill passed late in 2002. The omnibus bill passed earlier this week. The message regarding the budget is not good. Frank expects a shortfall this year anywhere from \$30,000-\$50,000 due to a variety of different assessments placed upon the Park. Next year does not look any better. The amount of money allotted to Park operations is being eroded away by inflation and mandatory staff pay increases. This will change priorities for the future. The Park is currently involved with a variety of technical assistance and service projects.

The Union Building received director's approval to proceed. It will be bid this spring and Frank is hopeful for a late spring or early summer construction start. That will take approximately one year. All the construction documents are completed. The relocation of Fritz and Sheila Rushlow to Maryland has changed the process. Fritz will be back at KEWE approximately one week per month to carry on the project management duties of the Union project.

KEWE received a cost proposal back from Christman on the Quincy Smelter project. It is a rehabilitation/stabilization project heavily dependent upon the restoration stabilization and interpretation of the smelter and its importance to the Park story. Transportation issues proceed. The Michigan State Historic Tax Credits play a big role. Frank may attend a Michigan Environmental Quality meeting in Lansing in February to try to meet with proposed developers and state legislators.

There are two stabilization projects in process involving the Quincy Mine Hoist Association – the boiler house, and the round house. Both John and Steve have been involved with Ed on those.

Planning money was received for two historic structures reports, one for the Library Building and one for the Quincy Pay Office. Frank hopes to announce an opening for an architectural historian on a term position to be able to complete those two documents along with Part II for the historic structures report for the KEWE Headquarters Building. A planning session has been

initiated among Park staff as to the utilization and rehabilitation of the interior spaces to accommodate for KEWE staff needs. They are incorporating office space for the Executive Director for the Commission within the building.

Planning for the fire suppression system for the Library Building continues.

The alternative transportation planning process will commence this summer with involvement from Michigan Tech. Questionnaires will go out this summer sampling visitors at various sites.

Kathleen and Steve have been working with the Houghton County Historical Society. John also will be very involved in the future. Frank applauded the Society for their grant and including the Park in the planning process.

Planning continues toward the Old Settler's Ball occurring this summer. The Park is planning to participate in some of the activities. Summer starts include the Youth Conservation Corps program. There is funding for four enrollees and one project manager.

By policy, the Park is required to file a fire management plan. Staff has reviewed the documents and will be returning them. Frank wasn't sure about the status of the boundary survey. It was picked up for formulation in this fiscal year but Frank isn't sure if it is funded. If it is funded, KEWE will enter into a contract for a study to look at legislative boundaries that were assigned when the bill was enacted but determine whether those boundaries are still adequate or need to expand or contract.

Abby Sue Fisher has been involved with design work on the relocation of the Seaman Mineral Museum. The funding Ron referred to earlier goes through the State of Michigan.

Tom Tikkanen, Ron and Frank attended a real estate development course in Washington D.C. that targeted areas like the Keweenaw that have historic resources.

John is in the last stages of the historic district survey for the Village of Laurium. Jane Bush will visit in February and the project will be submitted.

The Park is working with the Township and Coppertown with regard to the acquisition of some property adjacent to the Sixth Street Extension. KEWE is also working with the Quincy Mine Hoist Association regarding the easement language for some acreage.

The Regional Office has indicated that the acquisitions money is becoming vulnerable. It needs to be acted on. The Calumet Depot may be involved in that as well.

Reports from the Commission

Kathryn, Clyde, and Tom had no report. Bob thanked Paul for his work on the St. Anne's project. Larry reported he had 15 chapters completed on the report. Sue thanked Abby Sue Fisher and Brian Hoduski for their help in preserving some deteriorating Village records.

Paul reported the Township in cooperation with the St. Anne's group has applied for a rural development grant project for stabilization. The project is \$100,000 and addresses handicap accessibility, tuckpointing of the steeple, and getting the basement into accessible condition. Paul is discussing a project with the Park staff concerning property around the Park headquarters and the school buildings, including the drill shop, the Township office, the Bell Telephone building, Superior boiler house, and other buildings. There are two sheets of ice in the drill shop and Paul threw the first rock for the Copper Country Curling Club.

Reports from Legislative Officers

Amy Wisti had no report and did not know of any plans for Congressman Stupak to visit the area.

Public Comments

Erik Nordberg reported the MTU Archives had received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for \$5,000 preservation assistance. They will bring in a consultant to review their collections and procedures. The Fourth Thursday in History series is back up and running and events are scheduled through May. February is scrapbooking, the history of the Miscowauvik Club will be March, the Local History Smackdown is scheduled for the Calumet Theatre in April, and Life of a Copper Miner will be held at St. Anne's in May. This weekend is the deadline for proposals for a two-day symposium in connection with the Old Settler's Ball. Erik encouraged the KEWE staff or the Commission to consider proposing a session on the history of the Park. Erik was concerned about the acquisition of the copper boulder and encouraged the Commission and Park to find more ways to change the public perception that it is better to sell significant historical artifacts to the highest bidder rather than consider a donation.

Frank added as a follow-up that some map cases that were donated to the Archives years ago will be returned to the Headquarters building. It may be possible to reconstruct a room in the building that would simulate a C&H engineer's office. Frank thanked Erik for that donation.

Paul asked whether there was anything in the MTU Archives C&H records that would help identify the mining core stored in the various buildings. Erik did not know off the top of his head but said there were records of diamond drill. He encouraged Paul or someone knowledgeable as to what the Township wanted to make a trip for research.

Tom Tikkanen reported that the annual work plan was approved by the Main Street board and was sent to the MEDC. The design committee hosted a workshop in November and representatives from the MEDC and SHPO were in attendance. The three showcase properties will be receiving architectural drawings and suggestions on how best to restore their facades. Those three are the Penney's Building, North End Framing, and most recently Jay's Place. The owners of the Penney's Building are interested in pursuing residence on the third floor, which is currently unfinished storage, and turning it into a loft area. The design committee is developing a front porch program which will include flower planters provided to property owners and technical assistance about the front of their buildings. They are working with the Calumet Library to develop a resource library so texts and periodicals would be available to property

owners. There is discussion about expanding the use of the pavilion in the Park. The promotions committee is hosting an event at the Calumet Theatre which will be a Tribute to the King, the young Elvis, Travis LeDuyt from Nashville. Dinner will be available at the Theatre provided by chef Eric Karvonen. Tom asked Dick Dana to talk about the economic restructuring committee.

Dick Dana reported the economic restructuring committee has been meeting feverishly the last few weeks in a project using junior and senior business students at Michigan Tech to conduct business surveys by mailing and telephone. Dick thanked Dana Johnson and Al Brokaw at Michigan Tech for their help with that. That information will be analyzed and presented in a report by the end of April. Main Street will use that information to determine how to help the business community compete economically. Main Street has also been meeting with the First Step people who provide start-up money for new businesses. There will be an open house on February 11 at the Michigan House where First Step will present an overview of what services they provide.

Frank wanted to follow up on the business plan that was done three years ago. For the last two years, he has been trying to get that updated and there has been no component of the national program to do that. In talking with the program director, they will be updating past business plans. Frank believes KEWE's will be one of the pilot parks for that project this summer.

Sue Cone asked Tom to check on the date for the First Step meeting as there may be a conflict with the Calumet Laurium Business Association.

Tom said the organizational committee was still in the draft stage of an informational brochure will detail four committees of the Main Street program. Tom would like to have the website up and running by the spring. Main Street is working with the Village DDA on an adaptive reuse of the Al's Mobil Station in Calumet. Tom thanked John, Steve, and Tom and Kathy Baker for their instrumental support of the project. Frank said the Main Street program had tremendous impact for the future of Calumet and the surrounding area and thanked Tom Tikkanen for championing that effort.

Ed reported the purchase has closed on the #8 shafthouse by Paavola Road and a part of that land that goes almost to Sunshine Road along US41. The #8 shaft has an electric hoist that is in excellent condition. For the last three months, there has been broadband provided from the top of the shafthouse through PastyNet, and all of the antennas are now inside the shafthouse. Eventually, there will be some revenues from this as more people subscribe to broadband. Ed thanked Charlie Hopper for having historic resources be the benefactors of that technology. The fall visitation numbers are in and although the total visitation was down 8% from 2002, the fall season is becoming more significant. Gift shop sales were up. John, Steve, and Kathleen provided assistance regarding the prospective interim visitor's center and trying to prioritize the many historic preservation concerns for the site. Abby Sue, Brian have been instrumental in getting the catalog program off and running again, and Ed has received positive feedback from donors. Ed has given several names to Jo Urion for the oral history project and she has been very quick to follow up on those interviews. Ed is optimistic for visitation in 2004.

Jill Burkland reported the IRNHA will be funding the Ingot newspaper again in 2004. Jill has been working with Kathleen on that and it should be ready in April or May. In April, the first Keweenaw Park postcards will be available depicting four area scenes. The Board is considering a name change to incorporate both parks, possibly the Isle Royale Keweenaw Park Association. Jill will be working with Ed and Kathleen on a presence for the Association at the new Quincy visitation site.

Kathleen thanked the Commission for passing the vote in providing for two uniformed personnel at the Quincy site. With Ed's visitation numbers of 50,000, it should be highly emphasized the personnel should be NPS.

David Koenig wanted to reinforce what Sue Cone said about grant monies. Local residents would like to see jobs, local buildings reused and stabilized, and a good economic base for the future. David is unsure another piece of copper in the area helps to achieve those goals. Pattern shops, carpenter shops, and machine shops all were a part of the copper mining story; he does not think most visitors realize this. There are local groups that would like to get involved, and grant money can go a long way.

Motion to adjourn was passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on April 27, 2004 at the Park headquarters in Calumet.